

A Magical Day in the Garden

In celebration of Longwood Garden’s Community Read 2024 selection, *The Secret Garden*, a delightful picture book inspired by Frances Hodgson Burnett’s classic, the Upper Dublin Library hosted an enchanting event for children all about exploring gardens and fostering healthy connections to nature. Enthusiastic little gardeners gathered to learn the secrets of planting and caring for seeds, diving into the magic of creating their very own secret gardens. With guidance from our local partners, Maple Glen Garden Club and the Women’s National Farm & Garden Association, Ambler Keystone Branch, each child crafted a beautiful flower container garden to take home. Just in time for Mothers’ Day!

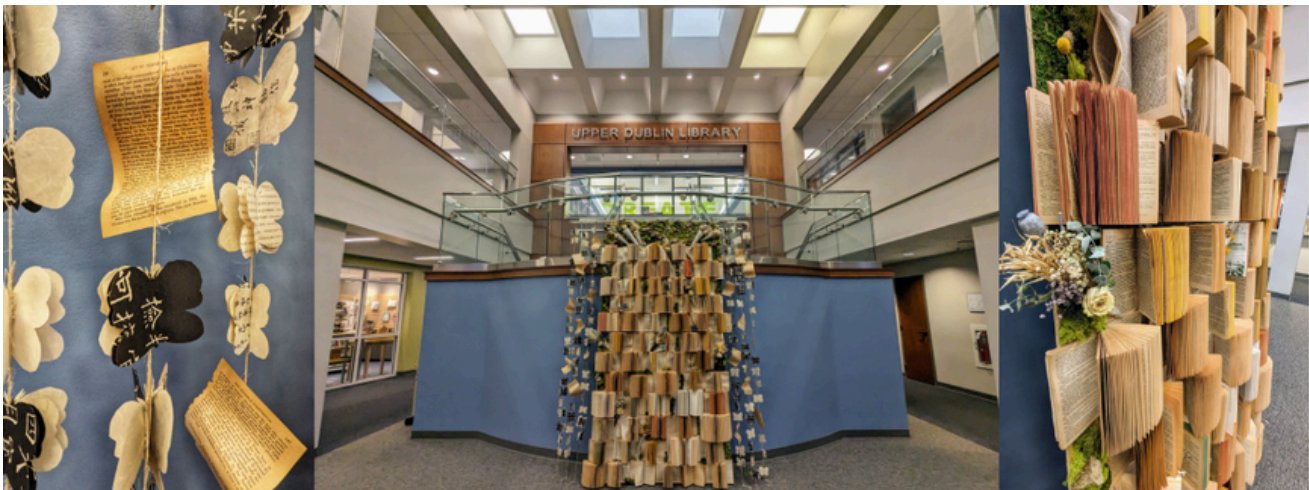


Epic Library Takeover

What better way to take over the library than to turn off all the lights and play a game of capture the flag? With the library shrouded in darkness, 17 teens dashed between bookshelves, strategizing and competing in several thrilling rounds. After the adrenaline-fueled games, teens gathered in the STEAM lab to enjoy pizza, followed by a screening of the latest Spider-Verse movie in the Shanis Auditorium. It was an unforgettable night of adventure, camaraderie, and fun!



New! Art Installation on Display



UDPL Library Assistant Margaret Shackleford created "VonShack Wedding, 2024" a book collage made from up-cycled books donated by library patrons, made for a photo backdrop. This whimsical installation is to inspire a passion for creativity and reading in the community.

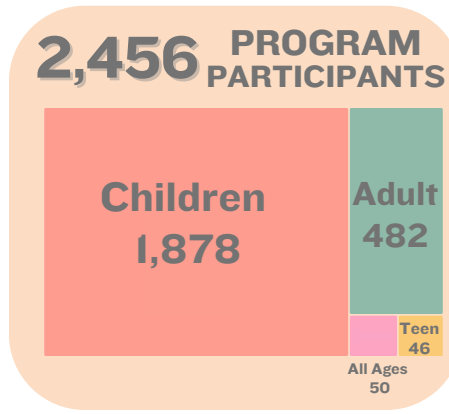
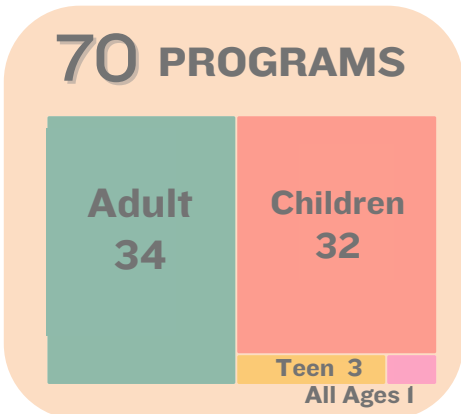
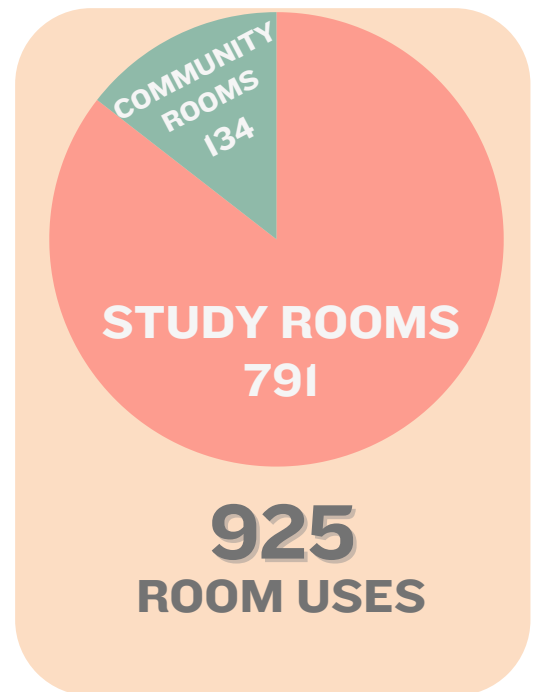
BOOKS & MATERIALS

32,430

TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT



PROGRAMS & SPACES



Students Excited to Embark on a Summer Adventure at the Library!

Miss Shannon captivated over 1,300 students (at Fort Washington, Jarrettown, and Thomas Fitzwater Elementary Schools) as she unveiled the UDPL's summer programs and events. The kids were buzzing with excitement as she discussed thrilling reading challenges, interactive workshops, awesome events and special guest appearances. There's something for everyone at the UDPL this summer! (Miss Shannon will visit Maple Glen Elementary in June).



Dive into Discovery: Adult Learning Courses Begin June 3!

Recognize these familiar faces? We are so grateful for our dedicated Adult Discovery & Learning instructors. Recently, the Friends treated them to a thank-you lunch as they prepare for an exciting upcoming season. NEW this summer - lectures every Wednesday!

Mapping the Oldest Trees in Upper Dublin

Fifty attendees gathered in the Shanis Auditorium for a special screening of the animated film *Fern Gully: The Last Rainforest* on May 4 to celebrate the Upper Dublin Historical Commission's exciting new initiative: the establishment of the Upper Dublin Elder Grove. From April 1 to May 15, residents nominated what they believed to be the oldest and most magnificent trees in the area. Now, the experts from Ambler Arboretum are meticulously assessing these 30 nominations to determine which trees will become the Elder Grove's charter members. Stay tuned!



UD Police & Library Focus on Mental Health



Ten mental health agencies from the surrounding Upper Dublin area came together on May 15 to share community resources as part of the Public Safety Speaker Series, presented jointly by the UD Police and Library departments.

Thank you Henry!

UDHS senior, Henry Nalence, completed Community Study at the Library. About the experience Henry says, "volunteering in the library provided me with a fulfilling opportunity to contribute to my community." Thank you all your hard work, Henry!

